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1. PAST FEW DAYS HAVE WITNESSED SPATE OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS TO ALGIERS. IN ADDITION TO IRANIAN MINISTER OF STATE YEGANEH (ALGIERS 2916 NOTAL), IRAQI REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL PRESIDENT SADAM HUSSEIN, SOUTH YEMENI FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMED SALAH MOTIE AND TUNISIAN DXI MINISTER CHEDLY KLIBI HAVE ALL VISITED ALGIERS AND MET WITH BOUMEDIENE. KLIBI WAS HERE TO PRESENT BOURGUIBA'S CONGRATULATIONS ON MOUMEDIENE'S ELECTION TO PRESIDENCY. MOTIE PRESENTED MESSAGE FROM SOUTH YEMENI PRESIDENT ALI SALIM RUBAYI AND SADAM HUSSEIN SEEMS TO HAVE HAD GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON WITH BOUMEDIENE. WE INFORMED THAT YEGANEH CAME TO DISCUSS CIEC ISSUES AND OIL PRICES WITH BOUMEDIENE AND THAT HE STUCK TO HIS BRIEF.

2. GIVEN HIS STATUS, SADAM HUSSEIN'S VISIT WAS MUCH MORE OF AN EVENT THAN THOSE OF HASANI AND KLIBI. LARGE IRAQI DELEGATION, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER AND TWO OTHER CABINET OFFICERS, ACCOMPANIED SADAM HUSSEIN, AND HE WAS ACCORDED EVERY HONOR OTHER THAN PERSONAL RECEPTION AT AIRPORT BY BOUMEDIENE. AS USUAL, PRESS ACCOUNTS REVEALED NOTHING ABOUT PURPOSE OF VISIT. WE SURMISE THAT SADAM HUSSEIN'S TRIP, AND
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MESSAGE FROM RUBAYI, INTENDED TO SHOW REST OF ARAB

WORLD THAT "PROGRESSIVES" STILL STICKING TOGETHER.

3. KLIBI'S VISIT SIGN THAT ALGERIAN-TUNISIAN RELATIONS,
WHICH HAD SUFFERED UNDER STRAIN OF SAHARA PROBLEM, NOW
BACK ON MORE EVEN KEEL.LYNE

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